(e) whether in these States bomb blasts, assassination attempts and genocide are on the increase;

(f) if so, whether the Home Ministry had also issued a warning to these States from January, 1994 onwards;

(g) if so, whether the Central Government has agreed to provide full force of para-military forces to these States to check and prevent insurgent activities in the States; and

(h) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) The Cheif Minister of Assam has denied that such an allegation was made by him.

(b) and (c) No Sir. 119 Coys of para-military forces are presently deployed in Assam.

(d) A few incidents of violence have, of late, been reported form Nagaland.

(e) Assam and Manipur witnessed violence in the recent past but the situation is now under control.

(f) to (h) The North-Eastern States have been advised to deal firmly with the law and order situation. Deployment of para-military forces in the North-Eastern States is reviewed from time to time. The Central Government has been rendering all possible assistance keeping in view the overall law and order situation and the availability of the forces. The present State-wise deployment of para-military forces is given below:

Arunachal Pradesh	50 Coys
Assam	119 Coys
Manipur	110 Coys
Mizoram	27 Coys
Meghalaya	34 Coys
Nagaland	87 Coys
Tripura	90 Coys

Smuggling of arms through Kutch frontier

314. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special steps have been taken to prevent smuggling of arms and other contraband goods through Kutch frontier and the West coast belt;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of persons apprehended and the quantum of smuggled goods seized from them during the last two years in respect of these coastal frontiers in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) BSF have taken the following steps:

(i) Addl. Battalions have been sanctioned under BSF expansion plan to reduce the gaps between the BOPs;
(ii) Patrolling/Nakas have been increased/intensified;
(iii) Border patrolling has been intensified by providing jeeps and motor cycles.
(iv) Binoculars, goggles, Twin Telescope. PNV Binoculars and hand-held search lights have been provided for enhanced vigilance on the border.
(v) Boats/Motor boats have been provided for patrolling in riverine/creek areas.
(vi) OP Towers have been erected;
(vii) Intelligence set up has been strengthened in border areas.

(c) Details of apprehension/seizure on Gujarat border during the last two years is as under:

Year	Number of persons apprehended
1992	148
1993	131

Smuggled goods seized are as under:

1992	
Silver	— 762 slabs
Silver	— 651 Kgs.
Gold Biscuits	—268
Gold	— 65 Kgs.
Charas	— 250 kgs.
Revolver	— 2
Pistol	— 1
1993	
Silver	— 345 slabs
Semi-automatic carbine	— 1 with 1 magazine and 17 rounds of ammunition.

Safety of foreign tourists

315. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have given utmost consideration to the safety of foreign tourists visiting India, and if so, what are the special measures taken so far and proposed in the future to ensure safety and security of the foreign tourists;

(b) whether Government will consider forming a special cell in CBI to monitor possible crimes against foreign tourists, devise effective guidelines for the State Governments to protect the foreign trourists and coordinate such efforts on an all India basis; and

(c) whether Government will also consider special measures to ensure protection of single tourists, particularly women, against harassment or possible crimes against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Under the VII Schedule of the Constitution of India, 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects. It is the responsibility of the State Police to take steps for the safety of foreign tourists visiting India as for any other person.

(b) and (c) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.

Measures adopted at Delhi Airport for Safety of foreign tourists

316. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that adequate measures exist at Delhi Airport to note down numbers and other details of taxis taking tourists and other passengers to the town and if so, what is the effect of these measures in curbing harassment and crime against tourists; and

(b) whether Government consider suggesting to all State Governments to adopt similar measures in the interest of safety to passengers, particularly foreign tourists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir. The Delhi Police has introduced a Prepaid Taxi System for taking the passengers to different destinations in Delhi. A voucher is issued to the passengers which bears the number of the taxi. This voucher is issued by a computer. The details such as time, date, name of the passenger, destination, taxi number, etc., are recorded in the computer which can be retrieved later on. The introduction of this system has reduced harassment of the tourists and excess charging by taxi drivers.

(b) There is no such proposal under consideration.

Atrocities on Harijans in U.P. and Bihar

317. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Dalit woman was disrobed and paraded naked in village in U.P. recently;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;